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UPR of Mauritania

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of Mauritania and thanks the esteemed Delegation for the presentation of its national report.

We welcome the national report of Mauritania on the follow-up of the accepted recommendations which indicate the achievements of the country in the field of promotion and protection of human rights during the last five years.

Since its first UPR, the Government of Mauritania strengthened the normative and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. In this regard, Azerbaijan appreciates the accession of Mauritania to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol, as well as the adoption of 2013 Act that criminalizes slavery and torture as crimes against humanity.

We also positively note that the National Human Rights Commission of Mauritania had been classified as A status.

Azerbaijan **recommends** the Government of Mauritania to continue further improvement of the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

Finally, the Delegation of Azerbaijan would like to assure once again the Delegation of Mauritania of its support.

Thank you for attention.